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CITY ENGINEERS VISIT LOCAL STUDENTS

ENGINEERS ENCOURAGE STUDENTS TO CONSIDER A CAREER IN ENGINEERING

INDIANAPOLIS -- Indianapolis Department of Public Works (DPW) city engineers and consultants will visit local middle school science and engineering classes this week in celebration of National Engineers week, Feb. 20th through 26th.

"It's important that we are taking an active role in the educational and career opportunities of Indianapolis students. By visiting and presenting to these schools, we can show the students what an engineering career is all about," said David Sherman, DPW director.

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the demand for engineering jobs is projected to increase 11% in the 2008-2018 decade. In 2008, 1.6 million of U.S. jobs were those of engineers. In addition, the mean salary in 2009 for engineers was \$60,000 for those in the public sector and \$75,000 in the private sector, making engineering a desirable and thriving profession to enter.

"Good engineers are always in high demand and are integral to DPW's ability to make improvements to the city," explained Sherman. "These students could be city engineers someday, so we want them to be aware of the work we are doing."

Over 35 engineers will visit 22 classes this week to talk about careers in engineering and about the important work city and consultant engineers do every day. Engineers from American Structurepoint, Burgess & Niple, CDM, Commonwealth Engineers, Cornerstone Engineering, DLZ, Hannum, Wagle & Cline, HNTB, Infrastructure Engineering, Janssen and Spaans, NTH Consultants, RW Armstrong and Wessler Engineering are also participating in the classroom visits.

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